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Office Action Summary

Application No. **09/874,661**

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

1. This office action, in response to the request for continued examination and the amendment filed 5/16/2005, is a non-final office action.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 5/16/2005 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 9-11 or the remarks, filed 5/16/2005, with respect to the rejections of the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, new grounds of rejection are made in view of Leifer et al (US 2002/0013164).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Leifer et al (US 2002/0013164).

Regarding claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 14, 18, 20, 21, 23, 27, 32, 34, 38 and 39, Leifer discloses the transceiver shown in figure 1 and 2. The transceiver comprises a multi-element antenna that receives signals from at least one transmitter. The transceiver receives signals of remoter users and interferers that are highly correlated (paragraph 0089). The transceiver receives the signals and estimates or determines a spatial signature (paragraphs 0006, 0075 and 0094). This includes receiving the amplitude and phase of the signal (paragraph 0036) to determine a weighted value and the angle of arrival may be used to estimate the signatures (paragraph 0091). An estimate of the covariance matrix is computed (paragraphs 0131) and a corrected signal is output from the transceiver to downstream elements (figure 1).

Regarding claims 2, 12, 19 and 33, Leifer discloses, in paragraph 0055, four antennas are used but more or fewer antenna elements can be used.

Regarding claims 5, 22 and 28, the transceiver determines a set of weighting factors in response to the spatial signatures and the covariance matrix (paragraphs 0084 and 0089).

Regarding claims 7, 24, 29 and 35, the received signals are optimized (paragraph 0158).

Regarding claims 8, 25, 30 and 36, Leifer discloses considering maximizing the SNR or the SINR of the received signals (paragraph 0089).

Regarding claims 9, 17, 26, 31 and 37, the received signals are CDMA signals (paragraph 0045).

Regarding claim 13, Leifer discloses, in paragraph 0036, the in-phase and quadrature components of the received signals is weighted in amplitude and phase by a weighting factor.

Regarding claim 15, Leifer discloses, in paragraph 0036, the in-phase and quadrature components of the received signals is weighted in amplitude and phase by a weighting factor. The output is optimized (paragraph 0158).

Regarding claim 16, Leifer discloses, in paragraph 0036, the in-phase and quadrature components of the received signals is weighted in amplitude and phase by a weighting factor. These signals are then demodulated (figure 10).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin M. Burd whose telephone number is (571) 272-3008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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5/23/2005

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